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wherein a greater part of the group of conductor wires constituting said rectilinear portion, which are accommodated within said slot portion, is formed into a polymorphic cross-section; and

wherein the ratio of the overall cross-sectional area of the group of conductor wires constituting said rectilinear portion accommodated within said slot portion relative to the cross-sectional area of said slot portion is not less than 75%,

wherein the greater part of the group of conductor wires of polymorphic cross-section which constitute said rectilinear portion which are accommodated within said slot portion is directed such that the longitudinal axis of cross-section thereof extends in the radial direction of said stator core.

REMARKS

Claim 4 is pending.

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the above amendments. No new matter has been added. Prompt and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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